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On Saturday, December 19, 2015, teams of volunteers will identify and count birds in and around Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. You are invited to participate!

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will host a bird count in the style of the Christmas Bird Count. The Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the National Audubon Society, is the longest running citizen science survey in the world. The data collected during each Christmas Bird Count provides critical data on bird population trends.

This will be the first year for Little Bighorn Battlefield to host this event. We expect to see high numbers of many species and may find noteworthy birds. This first year will be a trial count to help determine local interest and what information we can collect as we refine our proposal to host an official annual Christmas Bird Count starting in the National Park Service Centennial year of 2016.

Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. A basic level of familiarity with the area's wintering birds is helpful, but not required. Each participant should bring a pair of binoculars and appropriate food, water, and clothing for a winter day outdoors.

If you are interested in participating, please respond to Brandon_J_Blackburn@nps.gov, or at 406-638-2621. Please contact Brandon with your questions, interest, availability, and contact information as soon as possible. We look forward to a great count and hope you can join us!

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